

REMARKS

I. Status of the Application

At the time of the Action, Claims 26-33 were pending. Claims 26 and 30 have been amended. Claims 26-29 stand rejected under the judicially-created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting. Claims 26-33 stand rejected under Section 112. These rejections are addressed below.

II. The Double Patenting Rejection

Claims 26-29 stand rejected under the judicially-created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting based on co-assigned U.S. Patent No. 6,681,604. Applicant has submitted herewith a Terminal Disclaimer with respect to this patent. As such, Applicant submits that this rejection has been obviated, and respectfully request that it be withdrawn.

III. The Section 112 Rejections

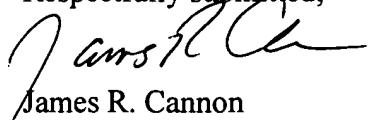
Claims 26-33 stand rejected under Section 112. The Action states that independent Claims 26 and 30 are indefinite under Section 112, second paragraph, due to the limitation "said upper and lower release members" lacking antecedent basis. These claims have been amended above to address antecedent basis concerns. Inasmuch as the Action deemed Claims 26 and 30 allowable if amended, Applicant respectfully submits that the rejections of Claims 26 and 30 and all claims dependent therefrom are obviated. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests that these rejections be withdrawn.

IV. Conclusion

Inasmuch as all of the outstanding issues raised in the Action have been addressed, Applicants respectfully submit that the application is in condition for allowance, and requests that it be passed to allowance and issue.

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